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WIFA Chairman Owens Presents “Project of the Year Award” to Abra Water Company in Paulden in Yavapai County for Arsenic Treatment Project

PHOENIX – Arizona Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA) Chairman Steve Owens presented Abra Water Company on Tuesday with a WIFA “Project of the Year” award for successfully reducing arsenic levels in the Paulden company’s drinking water.

In 2006 WIFA provided the Abra Water Company with a \$250,000 low-interest loan to help the company meet the federal Environmental Protection Agency arsenic standard of 10 parts per billion. The loan was used to purchase and install equipment and treat the arsenic-contaminated groundwater. The arsenic remediation project reduced the water company’s levels to 7.5 parts per billion.

“This project has helped ensure safe drinking water for the customers of Abra Water Company,” said WIFA Board Chairman Owens, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ). “This Project of the Year Award recognized the company’s outstanding effort in addressing a challenging water quality issue.”

The WIFA board of directors awarded Abra with its “Best Drinking Water Project” for the company’s efforts in reducing the arsenic levels. The award is one of three projects of the year awarded by WIFA.

The Abra Water Company is located in Paulden in Yavapai County, 25 miles north of Prescott and serves 1,500 customers in the area.

The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona maintains and improves water quality in Arizona by providing communities and private water systems with access to low-interest financial assistance and technical assistance needed for basic water infrastructure. For more information please visit WIFA’s Web site at www.azwifa.gov.